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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed March 25, 2003 enclosed is form PTOL-85B Issue Fee Transmittal, thirteen (13) sheets of formal drawings and credit card charge authorization for \$680.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

In the Notice of Allowance mailed March 25, 2003 for the above-captioned case, the Examiner made several comments about why particular claims were allowable. Applicant does not disagree with these statements, but wishes to point out that the statements are not all inclusive, i.e., it is believed that other reasons exist for allowance of the claims. Further, some of the stated reasons do not accurately recite what is in the claims. For example, claim 59 requires a coefficient of linear thermal expansion of less than 2x10⁻⁵ in/in/°F throughout the range of 0-250°F, rather than 0.000005 in/in/°F as

stated on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance. Also, claim 59 does not include such a limitation.

Applicant just wishes to make clear that the stated reasons for allowance do not change the claims as allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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